(b) if so, whether this 'biological me thod' has been used anywhere and whether positive results have been achieved; and

(c) if so, what are the areas, and States where Government is going to start the new method fiir increasing fresh for est cover?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(h) and (c) It reiterates plantation of salt tolerant tree species in saline soil. Biological method including soils amendments is in progress in such soils of Uttar Pradesh with positive results More details of the new b'ological method are being ascertained

Ban on industrial activities in Aravall range

4392. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will' the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whcher the PHD Chamber of Commerce amt Industry has requested Government to review its decision imposing a blanket ban On industrial activity in the Aravali range;

(b) whether such a step would have an impact on the overall growth and development of the districts nearby Aravali range; and

(c) if so, the further reaction of Govenment thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTs (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) to (c) While a notification had been issued on 7th May, 1992 for restricting certain activities in specified area of Aravali Range which are causing environmental degradation in the region, there has been no de-csion imposing a blanket ban on industrial activities as presumed by the PHD Cham. ber of Commerce while naking a request for a review.

Setting up of Indian Institute of Forest Management

4393. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA; Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to
state:

(a) what was the objective in setting up the Indian Institute of Forest Management, the Environmental Protection and Coordination Organisation and the Disaster Management Institute;

(b) whether Government have made any review of the working of these organisations to know as to how far the objectives for which these were set up have been achieved;

(c) if so. what are the details thereof; and

(d) what steps are contemplated by Government in case their performance has been found to be unsatisfactory and below expectations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) The objectives of the Institutes are set out
in Statement *(See* below)

(b) to (d) As far as IIFM, Bhopal is concerned, its working is reviewed by the Board of Governors and the Society of IIFM; in their meetings. The institution has had some problems due to absence of a regular Director. However, that difficulty has been overcome and strengthening of the faculty, widening the coverage and content of forestry management pro-gvammes and further building up of the infrastructure are in hand.

Review of the functioning of the ENVIS centre at EPCO is being undertaken by the ministry from time to time since its incep'ion and the performance has been found to be satisfactory.

The Ministry of Environment and Forests, Govt, of India do not have direct control over the working of the Disaster Management Institute, Bhopal,

Statement

The objectives for setting up of UFM. EPCO and DMI, Bhopal.

I. *Indian Institute of Project Management:*

The main objectives of the institute are to offer advanced. Tht main objeticves, of the institute are to offer advanced training in Forestry Management to in service forest officers, officers of forest Development Corporations and Forest related industries with a view to equip them to practice the art and profession of management of forestry development, to select and prepare outstanding and talented young persons for careers leading to management responsibility in forestry and the forest related systems. The institute offers a post graduate Forestry Management Diploma Course.

2. Environment Protection and Co ordination Organisation.

The Organisation is an autonomous body assisted by the Government of Madhya Pradesh.

Government of India have set up an ENVIS Centre under its Environment Information System Scheme in the Environmental Protection and Co-ordination Organisation in 1984 with the objective of collection, collation, storage, retrieval and dissemination of information the user group in (the field of Environmental management relating to the state of Madhya Pradesh.

3. *Disaster Management Institute, Ma dhya Pradesh.*

The Institute is under the administrative control of the Government of Madhya Pradesh.

The main objectives of the institute are to provide training in Disaster Management and related fields for officials of Government Deptts., Public & Private sector, to run post-graituate diploma and degree coureus in Disaster Management and Industrial Safety, to carry out research studies in disaster manswement, to collect, store and disseminate information on mattetr related to hazards and disasters, to offer consultancy services to industries and others and award scholarships, fellowships, prizes and medals for better disaster management.

Preservation of. one-horned rhinos in Assam

4394. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state;

(a) whether any proposal has been received One-horned Rhios' in Assam;

(b) whether the proopsal has been approved by Government; and

(c) if so, when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) to (c) A centrally sponsored Scheme 'Uled "Consen^-Mon of Rhinos in Assam" has been continuing since 1986-87. The scheme has been transferred to the State Plan Sector from the year 1992-93 along with the budget provision of Rs. 75 lakhs.

Under the Scheme, central assistance was provided fo_r strengthening the infrastructure for protection and conservation of Rhinos along with its habitats. The financial assistance released under the Scheme during the Seventh Five Year Plan, 1990-91 and 1991-92 was to the tune of Rs. 3.07 crores, Rs. 0.97 crores and R? 1.69 crores respectively.

Propose of Andhra Pradesh pending for calearance

4395. PR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS b_e pleased to state the details of the proposals from Andhra Pradesh which are (pending for clearance?

' THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FOREST'S (SHRI KAMAL NATH): The following fifteen projects are pending for environmental or forest clearance from: Andhra Pradesh;